

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1 1. (Amended) A billiard cue comprising:
2 a shaft having a wall with an outer surface and [first and second ends] a
3 tip end and an opposed end, a hollow bore extending from the [first] tip end for at
4 least a predetermined distance along the length of the shaft toward the [second]
5 opposed end to reduce the mass of the tip end to minimize cue ball deflection on
6 impact with the cue.

1 6. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim 5 wherein the bore
2 extends to an end located from about 4 to about 5 inches from the [first] tip end of
3 the shaft.

1 7. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim 3 wherein:
2 the bore extends for up to at least 10 to 12 inches from the [first] tip
3 end.

Claims 8-12 are new.